

House Resolution No. 1664

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize Missouri athletic programs that truly embody the standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the South Iron High School Boys Basketball Panthers, who, inspired by the death of their friend and determined to honor his memory, won the Arcadia Valley Thanksgiving Tournament; the Bob Secrest, Jr. Central Christmas Tournament; the Black River League Tournament; garnered an outstanding 30-2 win-loss record for the season; were ranked the #1 Class 2 team in the state; and finished an impressive second place during the Class 2 2008 MSHSAA Show-Me Showdown competition held March 15 at the Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Missouri; and

Whereas, the South Iron High School boys basketball team used the tragic death of a teammate as the focal point of their effort to excel on the court against all competitors; and

Whereas, when Ethan Riggs was killed in an automobile accident in September 2007, the South Iron Basketball Panthers decided to memorialize his life, goals, and accomplishments through a series of extraordinary actions which included dedicating the season to his memory, placing his jersey, #42, at every game, and retiring the number; and

Whereas, the 2007-2008 South Iron Panthers are Josh Rainey, Ethan Warner, Levi Middleton, Brett Dinkins, Jake Sutton, Austin Casteel, Jared Middleton, James Cornell, Cody Smith, David Prater, David Alcorn, Caleb Dement, Justin Ford, and William Sutton; and

Whereas, South Iron Panthers were led by Head Coach Dustin Dinkins and Assistant Coach Rob Harlow:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to commend the vision, commitment, dedication, and determination of the members of the South Iron Panthers Basketball Team and to convey our most sincere best wishes; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the 2007-2008 South Iron High School Boys Basketball Panthers.

Offered by _____
Representative J.C. Kuessner
District No. 152

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1664, adopted April 8, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker